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June 17, 2008

Ravalli County Commissioners
215 S. 4th Street, Ste. A
Hamilton, MT 59840

RE: BitterRoot Bus Request for Funding FY 2009

Dear Commissioners,

The purpose of this letter is to provide documentation in support of the funding requested at the budget hearings May 9, 2008, by BitterRoot Bus. As you are aware, Ravalli County used to provide county funds to Ravalli County Council on Aging (RCCOA) of which RCCOA funneled a portion to the transportation program used for matching funds to support the 5311 grant application to the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT).

With the passing of the Senior Levy, RCCOA reverted general fund monies back to Ravalli County in the amount of \$87,500 per year. BitterRoot Bus, a general public transportation provider per the 5311 grant requirements, is formally requesting **\$18,000.00** to cover a portion of the 36% of **general public** ridership we serve. At this time RCCOA is using over \$27,000.00 of Senior Levy monies to fund this part of the program. In FY09 these general public ridership numbers are expected to increase as gas prices continue to rise.

BitterRoot Bus' finalized operating budget for FY2009 is:

\$122,145.00 Federal 5311

\$ 76,632.00 Local Match

\$198,777.00 Total

Sincerely,

Sharna Paddock
Transportation Coordinator
BitterRoot Bus

BitterRoot Bus Funding Statistics

FY2007 Total expenditures	\$187,589	Senior Services match required \$64,500
FY07		

Ridership #'s		
Seniors over 60	4,906	
General Public & Persons with disabilities	3,368	
 Total rides	 8,274	 General public #'s make up 41% of ridership
		41% of ridership makes up \$26,445.00 of senior services levy
Cost per ride	\$20.72	Allocated by Council on Aging--\$64,500.00 for transportation.
		32% of senior services levy.

FY2008 Total Expenditures as of Third Quarter	\$124,091	Senior Services match required \$67,200*
FY08*		

Ridership #'s		
Seniors over 60	5,160	
General Public & Persons with disabilities	2,904	
 Total rides	 8,064	 General public #'s make up 36% of ridership
		36% of ridership makes up \$24,000.00 of senior services levy*
Cost per ride	\$20.43	Allocated by Council on Aging--\$67,200.00 for transportation.
		34% of senior services levy.*

* annualized

Fy2009 5311 grant submitted and accepted	\$202,006	Senior Services match required \$68,018
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Ravalli County Council on Aging
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures - YTD Rpt - Transportation Budget
From 7/1/2007 Through 4/30/2008

July 1, 2007 - April 30, 2008

	April 30, 2008	YTD Budget	YTD Budget Variance
REVENUE			
Federal Revenue			
5311 Transportation	82,293.88	106,870.80	(24,576.92)
Total Federal Revenue	82,293.88	106,870.80	(24,576.92)
County Revenue			
Ravalli Cnty Senior Mill Levy	32,107.77	56,824.20	(24,716.43)
Total County Revenue	32,107.77	56,824.20	(24,716.43)
City & Town Revenue			
Other Local and Contracts	0.00	5,541.70	(5,541.70)
Total City & Town Revenue	0.00	5,541.70	(5,541.70)
Program Revenue			
Tariff Revenue	6,831.75	0.00	6,831.75
Program Revenue	0.00	7,416.70	(7,416.70)
Program Reimbursements	2,104.85	2,625.00	(520.15)
Medicaid	2,365.36	2,083.30	282.06
Contract Payments	7,193.00	0.00	7,193.00
Total Program Revenue	18,494.96	12,125.00	6,369.96
Donated Svcs & Material			
In-kind Donations	2,483.20	0.00	2,483.20
Total Donated Svcs & Material	2,483.20	0.00	2,483.20
Other Income			
Business Income	0.00	1,875.00	(1,875.00)
Reserve Funds	1,364.60	0.00	1,364.60
Total Other Income	1,364.60	1,875.00	(510.40)
Total REVENUE	136,744.41	183,236.70	(46,492.29)
EXPENDITURES			
Wages & Benefits			
Total Wages & Benefits	86,686.16	117,982.50	31,296.34
Operations Expenditures			
Supplies & Materials	1,242.85	2,666.70	1,423.85
Subscriptions, Dues & Fees	311.21	612.50	301.29
Advertising	3,217.70	3,000.00	(217.70)
Printing & Repro Expense	248.58	290.00	41.42
Postage, Shipping, & Box Rent	120.43	762.50	642.07
Program costs	22.53	0.00	(22.53)
Telephone Expense	692.62	916.70	224.08
Long Distance Chgs & Cell Chgs	842.01	1,333.30	491.29
Computer & Equip Maint	922.46	750.00	(172.46)
Vehicle Washing & Cleaning	19.99	1,500.00	1,480.01
Custodial Services Bus Related	252.62	1,000.00	747.38
Total Operations Expenditures	7,893.00	12,831.70	4,938.70
Occupancy Expenses			
Utilities	2,291.32	3,166.70	875.38
Building repairs & maintenance	3,320.63	4,145.80	825.17
Janitorial Services	337.28	104.20	(233.08)
Property, Liability & Bond Ins	2,912.52	2,084.20	(828.32)
Total Occupancy Expenses	8,861.75	9,500.90	639.15
Program Expenses			
Vehicle Maint. Parts & Service	6,929.91	8,458.30	1,528.39
Fuel and Oil Costs	11,331.11	12,083.30	752.19
Tires & Tubes Expense	1,210.60	0.00	(1,210.60)
Vehicle/Equipment Insurance	1,094.34	2,083.30	988.96
Professional & Technique Svcs	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Vehicle Depreciation	8,337.70	9,296.70	959.00
Total Program Expenses	28,903.66	40,754.90	11,851.24
Travel & Training Expense			
Long Distance Travel/Training	838.45	0.00	(838.45)
Staff Mileage Expense	1,078.19	2,166.70	1,088.51
Total Travel & Training Expense	1,916.64	2,166.70	250.06
Other Expenses			
In-kind Donations	2,483.20	0.00	(2,483.20)
Total Other Expenses	2,483.20	0.00	(2,483.20)
Total EXPENDITURES	136,744.41	183,236.70	46,492.29
Net Excess (Deficit) Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00